

Ordinance No. 87.

An Ordinance granting to J. L. Bell and to his successors and assigns, the right, privilege and franchise to construct, maintain, operate and acquire a line of railroad over, upon and along certain streets, alleys and public places within the town of Carlsbad, in Eddy County, Territory of New Mexico.

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the town of Carlsbad, Eddy county, territory of New Mexico.

Section 1:—That there be and there is hereby granted to J. L. Bell, and his successors and assigns, the right, privilege and franchise to build, construct and acquire, own, maintain, and operate a railroad in, upon, over, along and through the following described streets, lands and grounds lying and being situate within the boundaries of the corporation limits of the town of Carlsbad in Eddy county Territory of New Mexico, and more particularly described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at the western line of the corporate limits of the town of Carlsbad, Eddy County New Mexico, at a point where the west end of Lea street in said town intersects with said line, thence in an easterly direction, over, upon, in, across and through said Lea street to a point where said street, if extended, would intersect with the eastern boundary of the corporate limits of said town of Carlsbad, and also along, over, upon, and across any streets, alleys or public places intersecting with the said Lea street of the town of Carlsbad.

Section 2: And be it further ordained by the Board of Trustees of the town of Carlsbad, that for the purpose of enabling said J. L. Bell, or any railroad corporation to which he may assign this franchise, its successors and assigns to transact its business and assign business of receiving, handling, discharging, distributing, transporting and delivering freight and passengers, and for all other lawful purposes of such company, its successors or assigns, is hereby granted the right, privilege and franchise to build, construct, maintain and operate said line of railroad and railway by means of a double track over, along and across the said Lea street and all intersecting streets, alleys and other public places embraced within and put forth in the right of way and lands described in section 1 herein, and for such purpose and purposes said J. L. Bell, his successors and assigns shall have the right to build, construct, operate and maintain such line of railway and railroad with all the necessary sidetracks, switches, frogs, turnouts, cross-overs and platforms upon the aforesaid right of way or any part thereof, together with all necessary side tracks, switches and cross-overs leading to or connecting with depot grounds, freight yards and terminal grounds.

Section 3: The right, privileges and franchises herein granted, shall continue to exist perpetually. And if said privileges, rights and franchises herein conferred and granted be acquired by or transferred or assigned to a railroad or railway corporation within one year from this date then the right of privileges and franchises herein conferred and granted shall be held and used and owned by such railroad or railway corporation, its successors or assigns for the full term of its corporate existence or any continuance thereof.

Section 4: It is hereby further ordained that in the construction, maintenance, operation and use of any railroad or railway built along said Lea street in the town of Carlsbad, the grantee herein, his successors and assigns may use engines or motors propelled by steam, gasoline, electricity or other motor power, on and along, upon and across said right of way herein granted or any part thereof.

Section 5: This franchise and right of way is granted upon conditions that the said grantee his successors or assigns, shall begin an actual survey within six months from date hereof, between the city of El Paso, El Paso county, Texas and the town of Carlsbad, Eddy county, New Mexico and continue such survey with all reasonable diligence until fully completed and located between said two points, and shall begin the actual construction of a railroad between the said city of El Paso, Texas, and the said town of Carlsbad New Mexico within eight months from the date of the passage hereof and shall continue the construction thereof with reasonable diligence until such railroad is completed between said two named points.

This ordinance shall be in force and take effect immediately from and after its passage, adoption, approval and publication by the Board of Trustees of the town of Carlsbad, New Mexico, passed this 31st day of July, A. D. 1908.

Approved JAMES M. DYE, Mayor.
Attest J. B. HARVEY, Recorder.

Approved and ordered published this 31st day of July, 1908.

JAMES M. DYE, Mayor.
J. B. HARVEY, Recorder.

The Country Press.

"We, and the country as well, should take off our hats to the newspaper fraternity and never forget the invaluable service they on this occasion rendered ourselves and the entire nation. Don't forget it, you country bankers, and in the future remember how

your struggling local paper and its poorly paid editor stood by you like a brother in your hour of trial, loyalty and steadfastly, and hereafter see that he gets the support and encouragement which he usually merits but seldom receives. Give him your printing, your job work and your advertising, and don't send somewhere else for it, because, with better facilities, they may be able to do it a little cheaper. Patronize your local paper all you can and try to show the loyal support it has so disinterestedly given you on every occasion without expectation of reward other than the consciousness of having served the community best and well and in which expectation the publisher has to our discredit, too often been disappointed. — President Berryman, of the Kansas State Bankers' Association.

The above tribute may seem undeserved, but a moment's reflection will convince one that it is not. But for the timely aid and counsel of the press, even the country press, the trouble started last fall in financial circles might have amounted to a calamity of such enormity that the country would be still paralyzed. As it is, however, the effects of the panic have disappeared, and the country is once more upon the highway to prosperity. The press deserves more credit for killing off that panic than all other agencies combined. — Western Publisher (Chicago.)

Additional Local.

Don't forget that we have the largest stock and most complete outfit in the territory at the Ohnemus Shops.

The little two year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Strong, Ruth, who was badly burned Tuesday of last week by stepping in hot ashes is improving, and is considered out of danger.

When a man wants some first class work done he will take it where they can fix it, at the Ohnemus shops.

A Boosters meeting will be held Thursday night at the Commercial Club room.

First class carriage painting at reasonable prices, at the Ohnemus Shops.

Mr. Allen C. Heard gave the children a hay ride and lawn party at the Merchant home in La Huerta Wednesday evening, which was much enjoyed by the little tots.

NO TOWN KNOCKERS

How Coryville Got Rid of a Bunch of Unpros

3 YOUNG MEN ORGANIZED.

And the Croaking Critics Couldn't Stand the Ordeal of Initiation Into the Mysterious Order of the G. B.'s. A Story of Masks and Spades.

There was something doing in Coryville. The G. B.'s were getting busy. Who were the G. B.'s? Oh, just follow this little story and find out!

For many years Coryville had had on hand an oversupply of citizens whose chief activity had to do with knocking the town. These fellows were but a small group, only four or five, but they did harm. Half a dozen maggot can spoil the best cheese ever made. So these town knockers, these croaking critics, were slowly undermining the good reputation of Coryville by their incessant chorus of defamation. Nothing suited them. They opposed every movement for the good of the town. They croaked and knocked and clamored and hammered whenever anybody suggested a street improvement, a new building, the organization of a business men's club or anything of the sort.

Finally the G. B.'s were organized. Of course they did not take the knockers' bunch into their confidence. There was a reason and a good one for not letting the knockers know. The G. B.'s were organized in secret. The initial meeting was held in an old abandoned schoolhouse half a mile out of town. Grips and passwords and other secret signs were adopted. Even a mystic apron was devised, but it was not to be worn where aprons usually are worn. It was to be tied around the head just below the eyes, thus serving as a mask.

The G. B.'s had been in existence only a month or so, holding their meetings every Friday night in the old schoolhouse, when one of the knockers

discovered that such a society had been formed. He straightway notified his brother knockers. The group met in a grocery store.

"Seems to be something mighty mysterious about it," remarked the chief knocker.

"Yes; can't imagine what they're up to," said another. "The society seems to have thirty or forty members, and most of them are the younger element around town, young business men."

"How did you find that out?" asked knocker No. 3.

"Why, one of the members told me," replied the other.

All of which was quite true. It was true also that this member had violated no rule of the G. B.'s. He had been detailed to acquaint the knockers with these primary facts concerning the society. Immediately the knocker in chief had expressed a desire to attend a meeting. He was cordially invited along with his brother knockers.

When the five town knockers filed into the old schoolhouse at the regular Friday night meeting they found a most startling assemblage. About forty men, with long white apron-like masks concealing their faces and reaching far below their shoulders, were standing around the walls of the chamber, which contained no seats. Every fifth man carried a blazing torchlight. Many of the others carried pikes, spades and shovels.

The supreme sashem of the G. B.'s advanced to the group of visitors and asked them solemnly if they desired to be initiated into the order. They replied that they did. How can a man knock unless he is on the inside? The chief knocker laughed scornfully as he assented to the initiation.

"The order is severe," said the supreme sashem, "but if you survive it you are our brethren. Advance, G. B.'s!"

Persons of the masked figures advanced, carrying torch lights. They quickly found the hands of the knockers behind them and used the whole group together with a tug. "Then the torch bearers came forward, the knockers were led outside, the other G. B.'s followed, and the entire party stepped on the open space back of the schoolhouse.

Without a word the men with picks began to dig; the shovellers began to shovel, while the torch bearers held their lights high above the group. After the digging was well under way the G. B.'s started up a dirge-like song in doleful voices. Altogether it was an uncanny scene.

"What are you fellows up to anyhow?" gasped the chief knocker.

"Gentlemen, unmask," commanded the supreme sashem. All the G. B.'s unmasked, revealing the fact that they were the leading young men of Coryville. Then the supreme sashem, who happened to own the grocery store in which the knockers chiefly knocked, addressed the candid lates for initiation.

"We are the Grand Buryers. We are digging your graves. We have reached the conclusion that a few first class funerals are needed in the interest of Coryville, and we have selected you gentlemen for the honor of furnishing the raw material. For years you have knocked and blocked every movement for the good of our town, and we have decided that Coryville can get along without you. However, we are going to give you a chance. If you will promise solemnly to boost and not to knock hereafter, you may take your own time and die natural deaths. But always remember that the Grand Buryers have the tools and that we can dig."

Coryville has no knockers now. BUREL JOYCE

Tender Hearted.

Mrs. Muggins—My husband is too tender hearted to whip the children. Mrs. Buggins—Humph! My husband is so tender hearted that he can't even beat the carpet!

Senate and Lords.

The British house of lords is a survival of the ancient aristocracy of the kingdom, which for a long time was supreme in all national matters. When the democratic sentiment won a place for itself in the shape of the house of commons the natural and apparently indestructible conservatism of the British people held on to the house of lords as a check upon the commons and a perpetual reminder of the ancient institution. The senate of the United States was the result of the compromise struck between the Nationalists and States' Rights parties in the convention that formed the constitution. Some were for merging the representatives in a single body, while others insisted upon the second chamber (the senate) as a recognition of the political equality of the states.

Just praise is only a debt, but flattery is a present.—French Proverb.

The Dangerous Case.

One of the surgeons of a hospital asked an Irish help which he considered the most dangerous of the many cases then in the hospital. "That, sir," said Patrick as he pointed to a case of surgical instruments.

Man's wrinkled face is the original time table.—Dallas News.

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